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Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 were again rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 5,555,099 ("Telle"). This rejection, however, is again respectfully traversed.

On pages 3 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner again argues that Telle discloses the continued instruction acceptance means and the storage control means of the claimed present invention at column 3, line 30 to column 4, line 23 thereof.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that the portion of the disclosure in Telle pointed to by the Examiner merely relates to conventional copier functions. That is, Telle merely discloses at column 3, line 30 to column 4, line 23 that an operator may, for example, select simplex or duplex copying, magnification or reduction of an image, a number of copies, and image editing. And it is respectfully submitted that these features of Telle do not at all correspond to the feature of the present invention as recited in claim 1 (and corresponding method claim 8) whereby the document scanning apparatus comprises continued instruction acceptance means for accepting an instruction for one of continuation of document scanning and completion of document scanning after one of: (i) the first scanning means scans all documents mounted in the document tray

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and (ii) the second scanning means scans the document placed on the document glass plane. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that these features of Telle do not at all correspond to the feature of the present invention as recited in claim 5 (and corresponding method claim 9) whereby the document scanning apparatus comprises continued instruction acceptance means for accepting an instruction for one of continuation of document scanning and completion of document scanning after termination of scanning of the document by the scanning means.

Telle also discloses at column 3, line 30 to column 4 that image data may be stored in job image buffer (JIB) 48 before the image data is sent to the writer 62. Nevertheless, it is respectfully submitted that this feature of Telle does not at all correspond to the feature of the present invention as recited in claim 1 (and corresponding method claim 8) whereby the storage control means <u>stores newly generated image data corresponding to the additional documents as additional image data subsequent to previously stored image data</u>, wherein one of the first scanning means and the second scanning means provides the newly generated image data until the continued instruction acceptance means accepts the instruction for completing the scanning of documents. And similarly, it is respectfully submitted that this feature of Telle does not at all correspond to the feature of the present invention as recited in claim 5 (and corresponding method

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claim 9) whereby the storage control means <u>stores newly generated
image data corresponding to the additional documents as
additional image data subsequent to previously stored image data</u>,
wherein the scanning means provides the newly generated image
data until the continued instruction acceptance means accepts the
instruction for completion of scanning documents.

Still further, it is noted that the Examiner has pointed to
column 8, lines 28-31 and column 7, lines 34-67 of Telle for the
disclosure of interrupting a print job to print a proof set and
for the disclosure of FIFO (first in first out) output of plural
print jobs. It is respectfully submitted, however, that column
8, lines 28-31 of Telle merely discloses that a current job may
be interrupted to print a new job, and that the current job may
be resumed after the new job is printed. In addition, FIFO
printer output merely corresponds to printing sequentially input
jobs in the order that they were input. Thus it is respectfully
submitted that according to Telle the print jobs are executed
independently. And it is respectfully submitted therefore that
Telle does not at all disclose, teach or suggest the feature of
the present invention as recited in claims 1 and 5 (and
corresponding method claims 8 and 9) whereby newly generated
image data corresponding to the additional document is stored as
subsequent image data to previously stored image data.

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In view of the foregoing, it is again respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 5, 8 and 9, and claims 2-4, 6 and 7 respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Telle, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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